

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IOWA TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES, INC., d/b/a IOWA TELECOM	DOCKET NO. SPU-02-9
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ORDER CLOSING DOCKET

(Issued January 5, 2004)

On June 28, 2002, Iowa Telecommunications Services, Inc., d/b/a Iowa Telecom (Iowa Telecom), filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a request for approval to disconnect access services being provided to WorldCom, Inc. (WorldCom). In support of its request, Iowa Telecom asserted the public information regarding WorldCom's financial condition justified Iowa Telecom in demanding a deposit from WorldCom and, further, that if WorldCom failed to pay the deposit, Iowa Telecom should be allowed to disconnect access service to WorldCom.

On July 2, 2002, the Board docketed the request for investigation. The parties filed several additional pleadings, and on July 12, 2002, the Board issued an order establishing a procedural schedule and shortening time for responses.

On July 30, 2002, WorldCom filed notice with the Board stating that on July 21, 2002, WorldCom filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in the U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York. WorldCom further stated that, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 362, the filing of the petition

operated as an automatic stay of any further proceedings in this action until the Bankruptcy Court grants relief from the stay or until the bankruptcy case is closed or dismissed.

On August 7, 2002, the Board issued an order staying the procedural schedule in this matter, based on the notice filed by WorldCom.

No additional filings have been made in this docket by either party. The Board understands that WorldCom, operating under the name of MCI, will emerge from bankruptcy in early 2004. Under these circumstances, it appears no purpose will be served by continuing this proceeding and the Board will, therefore, close this docket. If any party disagrees with this decision, the party may file a request for rehearing or reconsideration of this order, describing the purpose or purposes for which the party believes the docket should remain open.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

Docket No. SPU-02-9 is closed.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Elliott Smith

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 5th day of January, 2004.